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The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued April 21, 2004 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"Note

(For a list of the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature.)

Claims: 1 through 6, 14 through 23, 29 through 36 and 42  
through 44

Cited Literature: 1 through 4

Remarks

See the middle column of page 6 of Cited Literature 1, the right-hand column of page 169 of Cited Literature 2, the right-hand column of page 21 through the left-hand column of page 22 of Cited Literature 3, and Cited Literature 4.

Claims: 7, 24 and 37  
Cited Literature: 1 through 4  
Remarks:

See the description regarding "object caching methods," "screen table methods" in the right-hand column of page 169 of Cited Literature 2.

Claims: 8 through 10, 25 through 27 and 38 through 40  
Cited Literature: 1 through 5  
Remarks:

Cited Literature 5 describes a structure that detects the display unit of the device on the side that is controlled.

Claims: 11, 13, 28 and 41  
Cited Literature: 1 through 6  
Remarks:

See paragraphs (0080) and (0087) in Cited Reference 6. Note that using a mail format or an XML format for the text after conversion is a simple design issue.

Claims: 12  
Cited Literature: 1 through 9  
Remarks:

Remote control using commands described in electronic mail is well known. (If necessary, see Cited Literature 7 through 9.)

Because the structures that are in common to the invention according to Claim 2 and the invention according to Claim 3 (the structure of Claim 1) were well-known prior to the present application (see Cited Literature 1 through 4), and the topic that is in common in these two inventions is solved by the structures described above, both inventions are seen as having relevance to the stipulations of Article 37, Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 of the Japan Patent Law.

#### List of Cited Literature

1. "Next-Generation Remote-control Software for Data Linking While Talking on the Telephone," Mobile Media Magazine, Japan, C. media Co., Ltd., 1/13/1999, Volume 7, Number 2, Pages 6 through 11

2. Noriharu Tanaka, "32-Bit Remote Access Software," LAN Times, Japan, Softbank, Ltd., 4/1/1998, Volume 8, Number 2, Pages 167 through 170
3. Mikio Kuramitsu, "Web Base Control Tools," Software Design, Japan, Gijutsu-Hyohron Co., Ltd., 9/18/1998, Number 95, Pages 16 through 22
4. Published Japanese Translation of a PCT Application 2000-508139
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-328081
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-288403
7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-334065
8. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-187062
9. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-334002
10. Japanese Patent Application H11-106989 (Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-298647)"

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

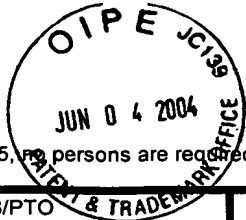
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